GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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List of Life Saving Drugs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has prepared a list of Life Saving Drugs in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of Life Saving Drugs in the country;
(c) the revival plans of the various IDPL units including Rishikesh unit; and
(d) the export dependency on foreign countries regarding the supply of Life Saving Drugs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): As per Custom/Excise Duty Notification certain categories of drugs have been mentioned as Life Saving drugs and these are exempted from payment of Custom/Excise Duty.

(b): The Government has taken various steps like providing fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to the pharma industry for increasing the production of drugs.

(c): The Government is working out the revival plan for IDPL.

(d): Most of the drugs which are imported from foreign countries have same therapeutic substitutes which are manufactured in the country.

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